



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER LURNEA
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
- YEAR A - 15TH & 16TH NOVEMBER 2014**

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand.
We walk on a land once occupied by the Darug Clan, the Cabrogal,
a sub group of the Gandangara tribe who lived in this area for over 30,000 years.
May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

Reflection

Once a reunion took place of the past pupils of a famous school run by a religious order. An elderly priest, who came back for the reunion, found himself surrounded by a host of former pupils. It was obvious from the way they flocked to him that he enjoyed great respect among them.

He received them with graciousness. Then, without the slightest prompting from him, they began to pour out their stories. One was an architect who had designed a number of public buildings. Another was a university professor who had written several learned books. Another was the head of a business company that had branches in over a dozen countries. Another was a highly successful farmer. Another was a Monsignor in the Church. Another was the principal of a very prestigious school. And so it went on.

The old priest listened with pleasure to the impressive litany of successes and achievements. There didn't seem to be any failures or losers among them, or if there were, they hadn't shown up at the reunion.

As they told their stories, the priest nodded his head and smiled. When they had finished, he complimented them on their achievements. Then, looking at them with affection, he said, 'And now, tell me what you have made of yourselves?'

'What do you mean?' they asked, puzzled.
'You have told me how you did in your careers. Now tell me how you have done in your personal lives?'

A long silence followed.

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Weekend Mass Times:
Saturday Vigil.....5.00pm
Sunday.....8.00am, 9.30am &
.....6.00pm

Weekday Mass Times:
(See bulletin for changes)

Reconciliation:
Saturday.....4.00pm - 4.30pm

Baptisms: By Appointment
1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 11.00am

Marriages: By Appointment

Prayer Group:
Thursdays..... 7.30pm - 8.15pm

St Vincent De Paul 9623 1222

Care Group
Anne Hobbs: 9601 - 7061

Weekday Mass Times

Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 9.00am Mass
Wednesday - 9.00am Mass
Thursday - 9.00am Year 5 Liturgy at STCOS Prestons.
Friday - 9.00am Mass



St Francis Xavier Parish
Presents



***The Joy of Christmas:
Carols by Candlelight***
19 December 2014

Our Parish and School Choirs will be presenting for your enjoyment, festive Christmas Carols. Carols will be held on the top carpark of the Parish grounds with Special Guests for the children.

Gates will open at 6.00pm for you and your family members to find a seat and enjoy the pre Carols Sausage sizzle, pop corn, ice creams, slushies and fairy floss which can be purchased. Carols will begin at 7.00pm

Seating will be available but if your children do not want to miss the close up action of what is happening please bring along a blanket and pillows so you can sit on the floor in front of stage.

A great night to look forward too so please place it in your diary.

The money raised will go towards the upgrade of the Church sound system and the placement of a Hearing Loop within the church.

So get your singing voices in tune and we look forward to seeing you there.

If you can help out on the night please put your name and number on the form at the back of the Church. Thank you.

***Craft Group Christmas Stall
Don't Miss out***

This weekend 15th & 16th November the Craft Group will be holding their Craft Christmas Stall. Crafts will be available after each Mass over these two weekends. Lots of Hand Crafted Goodies that will make the perfect Christmas Present. All money raised will be donated to our parish.

Care Group News

POST MELBOURNE CUP BINGO!

Lots of prizes to be won and don't forget to wear your special hat for our parade!

Friday 21st November 10am Cost: \$5.00

LURNEA PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
Saturday 6th December 11:30am for a 12noon start
Limited seating available. For catering purposes the cut-off date for reservations is Sunday 30th Nov

Please fill in the Attendance forms at the back of the church with your details. Alternatively phone; Ann 9601 7061 or Emma 0421 935 024 Thank you!

November Mass Intentions

For the month of November, the names of your deceased family and friends will be published and placed in the church for the parish community to pray for.

Please do not write in the intentions book.

There will be a basket at the altar for your special intentions to be placed in and then the names will be printed and placed into book.

Please Print clearly so spelling can be correct.

Altar Server Notice

Altar Servers who wish to remain on the roster please fill in the 'Altar Server Roster' Sheet in the Sacristy.

***St Francis Xavier's Golden Jubilee 2015
19 July 2015***

Fr Thu and the Parish Council invite 4 enthusiastic volunteers from our community to form a committee to help organise this significant event.

The day will begin with the Holy Mass in the morning followed by a Fair for all the families.

If you are interested please contact the Parish office for more details. Thank you.

Catholic Adult Education Centre

The Catholic Education Centre, Archdiocese of Sydney, will present "The Gospel according to St Matthew" at The Catholic Centre, Lidcombe on 24-25 November 2014. For further details, please contact Matthew Leslie, Assistant to the Manager of Studies on 9646 9010 or by email at study@caec.com.au.

Called to Life: Finding peace and happiness by learning to listen to God.

Fr Jacques Philippe In Sydney.

Author and spiritual director, Fr Philippe's writings have become modern spiritual classics.

His books include: Searching for and Maintaining Peace, In the School of the Holy Spirit, Thirsting for God, Called to Life, Time for God, and The Way of Trust and Love.

Several events will be held in December, including the "Called to Life" retreat for young people exploring their life's purpose (Dec 5-7),

Retreat Day for Women (Dec 10),

Youth Adoration and Catechesis (Dec 9) and a Public talk on 'Prayer and Work' (Dec 11).

For more info, visit www.vocationcentre.org.au/jp, search on Facebook 'Fr Jacques Philippe in Sydney' or call (02) 9307 8422.



*We remember our
deceased relatives
and friends...*

Recently Deceased

Melvin Tapiador

Anniversaries

Teodor Matkovic

We pray for those who are sick, especially:

Fr Bill Davis,
Margaret McKenna,
Marcel Baini,
Noah Rewa,
Jami Isaac
John Bell,
Joe Moore,
Lucienne Baeta,
Riley Maloney,
Josephine Caligiuri,
Alida Salloum,

Joyce Mifsud,
Martin Bautista,
Mario Sanchez,
Pat Lord,
Patricia Kearns,
Rafael Luis Bailon,
Shirley Harmer
Sr. Regina McInerney
R.S.M
Carlos Mendoza
Fred Azzopardi,

Fr John Therry 150 Year Anniversary

Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday, 20 November 2014 at 5.30pm

All are invited to come and celebrate with the Archdiocese of Sydney as we commemorate the 150th Anniversary of Fr John Therry, a pioneer priest in Australia. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady with the Homily delivered by Bishop Bill Wright. Following Mass, all are invited into the Cathedral Crypt to pray before his tomb and view some of the archival records.

Please note: Names will be removed from the sick list after 2 months, unless parish office is notified. Thankyou

33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time - Year A - 15th & 16th November 2014

| | SATURDAY 5pm | 8.00am | SUNDAY 9.30am | 6.00pm |
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| Reader Psalm/Intercession | Merwyn Monteiro Melwyn Monteiro | Shirley Heffernan Vince Carrabs | Jacinta Lemalu Angie Clarkson | Emma Harrison Kristina Williams |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Margaret Bell Mary Dalli Chris Walker Merwyn Monteiro Barry Bolton Olga Sipek | Jane Colley Antoinette Moussallem Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister | Rosa Zappia Rosetta Zaccagnini Neta Griffith Eugene Alphonso Yvonne Alphonso Volunteer Minister | Joe Andary Laura Andary Deborah Absalom Volunteer Minister |
| Altar Servers | Jonathon & Julian Giso | Vanessa Ayoub | Heather Scott & Karl Nickel | Volunteer Altar Servers |
| Acolytes | Martin Ryan | Phil Coleman | Tony Keir | Annette Flanagan |
| Altar Society | Miranti Vidigal & Charlie Casha | | | |
| Counters | Stephen & Therese Puskas, Cathy Crick | | | |
| Children's Liturgy | Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir | | | |

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - Year A - 22nd & 23rd November 2014

| | SATURDAY 5pm | 8.00am | SUNDAY 9.30am | 6.00pm |
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| Reader Psalm/Intercession | Domenic Acitelli Jr Nadia Acitelli | George Wright Maureen Wright | Kayley Melham Melinda Melham | Tracie Richardson Greg Richardson |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Agnelo Andrade Rosa Andrade Jean Brendish Mary Grace Francisco Garry Lejarde Donald Lobo | Carol Campanella Karen Misquitta Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister | Jacqueline Scully Charlie Casha Jacinta Lemalu Janice Tran Volunteer Minister Volunteer Minister | Therese Doan Judith Paglia Mark Flanagan Mary Grace Isidoro |
| Altar Servers | Lucas Tran | Anthony Bui | Joshua Bui | Volunteer Altar Servers |
| Acolytes | John Nickel | Joe Mancini | Graeme Freeburn | Martin Manche |
| Altar Society | Judith Paglia & Charlie Casha | | | |
| Counters | Graeme Freeburn & Mathew Koyikalatho | | | |
| Children's Liturgy | Janice Tran, Maria Caridi & Michelle Keir | | | |

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Give her a share in what she has worked for.

A perfect wife – who can find her?
She is far beyond the price of pearls.
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,
from her he will derive no little profit.
Advantage and not hurt she brings him
all the days of her life.
She is always busy with wool and with flax,
she does her work with eager hands.
She sets her hands to the distaff,
her fingers grasp the spindle.
She holds out her hand to the poor,
she opens her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

RESPONSE: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians
1 Thes 5:1-6

The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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